
What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #14:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

I hope everyone had a good week! Here is what happened in the world of ancient numismatics this week.

CSNS (Central States Numismatic Society) - Trade show - April 26-30, 2017

I attended the Central States show out in Schaumburg, IL yesterday which was the first official day of the show. While Central States is primarily a U.S. coin show, there were a few ancient dealers there and I was able to see a few things and meet with some friends. If you are interested in U.S. coins this is a good show to attend. The location isn't so wonderful (let's face it, if you attend a show in Illinois, the only real fun place to go is downtown Chicago), but there are many great opportunities. Trade shows in general are a wonderful option for meeting in person with dealers and finding nice material without a buyer's premium! I also attended a wonderful 45 minute presentation from Len Augsburg and Wayne Homren on the Newman Portal. I encourage all of you to use this free portal to look at a plethora of articles, periodicals and books, etc. on U.S. coinage. This extensive database was funded by a grant from the numismatist Eric P. Newman, who by the way is still alive and well at 105 years old! Currently the portal is primarily for the study of U.S. coins but there are some ancient coin articles and catalogs available.

Agora Auctions - May 9, 2017

Agora is now up on Sixbid and Numisbids so have a peek at their auction before it closes. There are some very nice pieces and the prices are quite reasonable even with a buyer's premium.

NAC, Nomos and Sincona Catalogs

I sent out my first batch of NAC, Nomos and Sincona catalogs this week. Unfortunately I did not get enough of the catalogs from NAC so if you want one and didn't ask me do not worry as I will get five more copies of each catalog. If you asked

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NAC and Nomos I've already briefly mentioned in previous newsletters. Sincona was a bit of a surprise for me as typically they do not handle ancient coin auctions of late. This special catalog they produced is in cooperation with Nomos and as such was sent together. For those of you that like Byzantine coins this is the catalog for you. The Placidia Collection is composed of 563 gold coins that were assembled over the last 40 years. I still have a few of these catalogs left if you would like one.

Upcoming London Trip (May 8-12)

I will be traveling to London from May 8-12 in order to view the material in the NAC auction that will take place the end of the month in Zurich. Please let me know as soon as you can if you want me to look at specific lots. I will view the entire auction but knowing lots of interest is always helpful for me.

While I am in London I plan to also view material in the small but interesting Morton & Eden sale. This sale is only 37 lots but there are some very interesting and pedigreed pieces. This auction can be found on Sixbid and Numisbid for viewing. If you would like me to view anything in this sale please just let me know before I leave.

Coin of the Week

The coin I have for offer this week is one that is common but not in this grade.

Roman Imperial. Julius Caesar, Moving Mint. 49-48 BC. AR Denarius, 3.81g (16mm, 3h). CAESAR Elephant trampling serpent to right. Rev. Priestly implements: culullus, aspergillum, ax, with wolf's head at the top, and apex

Price: \$3,500

The elephant series of Julius Caesar is an extremely popular type. Collectors of all types from the novice to serious have always found an interest in having at least one good "elephant" denarius. Caesar minted these coins while he was crossing the Rubicon in January 49. These denarii were used to pay Caesar's forces during the Civil war with Pompey. Because he struck them in various places, thus the "moving mint", it can be a chore to find one that is perfectly centered. It can be comical at times to see the variation in the dies for the elephant. Sometimes they can be quite plump and crude looking, and others are beautifully defined and sculptured.

References: *Babelon (Julia) 9. Crawford 443/1. CRI 9. Sydenham 1006*

Grade: *Fully struck and beautifully centered with great detail and iridescence. Mint State*

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com.

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Until next week!

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